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SUBJ: KOREAN ISSUE AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

REF: A) KINSHASA 3327, B) STATE 88223 (NOTAL)

1. DIRECTOR YI CHONG-PIN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER APRIL 10 THAT ROKG HAS OBTAINED COPY OF AGENDA FOR KABUL NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING, APPARENTLY THE SAME AGENDA REFERRED TO IN REF B. WHILE AGENDA DOES NOT CONTAIN REFERENCE TO KOREAN ITEM, ROK ASSUMES NORTH KOREANS WILL PERSIST IN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SOME DISCUSSION OF KOREA AT CONFERENCE, PROBABLY IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE. YI EXPECTS THE NORTH KOREANS WILL STRESS TWO POINTS: (A) POSITION OUTLINED IN THEIR FEBRUARY 1 MEMORANDUM ON KOREAN REUNIFICATION POLICY, AND (B) CONDEMNATION OF US-ROK JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES. (LATTER POINT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBJECT INTER ALIA OF RECENT TELEGRAM FROM NK FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM TO SRI LANKA COUNTERPART.) YI ALSO SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS THERE IS TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE KOREAN ISSUE ON AGENDA FOR BELGRADE.

2. YI SAID ROKG DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND ANY FURTHER SPECIAL MISSIONS ABROAD EXCEPT FOR SUPPLEMENTARY

PERSONNEL GOING TO KABUL TO ASSIST IN COVERING THE CONFERENCE THERE. HOWEVER, FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL BE SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO EMBASSIES IN SOME 35 MODERATE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) ROK PREFERS THAT THERE BE NO DISCUSSION OF KOREAN ISSUE AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, ON GROUNDS THAT UNGA HAS DECIDED AGAINST SUCH DISCUSSION FOR PAST TWO YEARS AND THERE IS NO REASON FOR NAC TO TAKE A DIFFERNT APPROACH.

(B) IF NONETHELESS A RESOLUTION OR COMMUNIQUE PASSAGE IS INTRODUCED, THE ROK URGES OTHER COUNTRIES TO ENTER WRITTEN RESERVATIONS TO IT, AS WAS DONE IN THE LAST SESSION.

3. FOR KINSHASA: WE UNDERSTAND FROM MOFA SOURCES HERE THAT NORTH KOREAN VICE-PREMIER KANG YANG-UK IS DUE TO VISIT ZAIRE THIS MONTH, PRESUMABLY IN FURTHER PREPARATION FOR NACC. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THAT BECOMES AVAILABLE ON HIS ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSE OF ZAIRE GOVERNMENT THERETO.
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